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BY HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Walter Thomas Secretary Alabama Public Service Commission RSA Union Building 8th Floor 100 N. Union Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104



Re:

Proposed Revisions to the Price Regulation and Local Competition Plan; Docket

No. 28590

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of the Reply Comments of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., in the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

Riley W. Roby

RWR:dpe Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed Revisions to the)	
ice Regulation and Local Competition)	Docket 28590
Plan)	

REPLY COMMENTS OF ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

ITC^DeltaCom Communications Inc., d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom and d/b/a Grapevine ("DeltaCom"), pursuant to the Alabama Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Order Seeking Comments On the Revised ATRP* ("Order") issued November 5, 2004, in the above-captioned matter, hereby submits these brief Reply Comments.

I. Summary

For the Commission's review and consideration, DeltaCom highlights the following areas of concern:

1). The Revised Alabama Telecommunications Regulation Plan (the "Revised ATRP") does not include unbundled network elements ("UNE") language that was a critical threshold requirement in the 1995 Price Regulation Plan. Should the Commission approve the Revised ATRP, the Commission should be clear that all existing Commission orders regarding UNE availability and pricing (including those provisions contained in the 1995 Price Regulation Order) continue in full force and effect until expressly modified in a future Commission Order. The FCC is expected to release new rules regarding the availability of UNEs in the near future and the Revised ATRP should not remove existing unbundling requirements. Deltacom recommends that the Commission include the following disclaimer in the Revised ATRP "[n]othing

in this order is intended to alter any prior Commission decisions related to the availability and pricing of unbundled network elements by BellSouth consistent with

state and federal law."

2). Special access services, which are used by carriers to provide local

services, should be capped at existing intrastate rates. Because the Revised ATRP

recommends that switched access be capped at existing intrastate rates, DeltaCom

recommends that the same methodology and policy considerations be applied to special

access services as well.

II. Conclusion

In conclusion, DeltaCom respectfully requests that the Commission review and

consider the two concerns described herein and appreciates the work undertaken by the

Staff and this Commission in reaching a fair and equitable resolution for all carriers

operating in Alabama.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of December, 2004.

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I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing upon the following individuals in this cause by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed this 2th day of December, 2004.

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